

B.A.R.G. NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Ballarat Amateur Radio Group. Inc. #6953T

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2004
At 7.30 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR

The Club financial year ends 5 days after this months meeting. So once a gain I ask you to consider your nominations for club committee positions. Nomination forms are included in this months newsletter.

On Sunday 30 May 2004 we held our annual George Fowler Auction. The day started at 1200 with a light luncheon of soup and bread rolls prepared by the ladies

FROM THE COMMITTEE

From this month's Committee meeting, it has been resolved that Club Subscriptions for next year should remain as for this year (\$30.00). Unless a member gives a notice of motion to raise the fees (which I think is unlikely, *Editor*) for discussion at the AGM fee payments will be accepted now. The Annual Subscription and Club Register Check form is attached to this news letter.

DATES

Club meetings the last Friday each month starting at 7.30 pm

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 7.30.

Next PUB NIGHT:

Construction Nights Construction nights are held on the second Monday each Monday each month at 7.30 .

WICEN Net : Tuesday nights at 9.00 pm on 3.60 MHz + QRM etc. (Some times below 3.60)

Report on Construction Night

At the last construction night presentations by Ian (AXH) Ian (IDL) and David (UR) on computers in amateur radio. Ian (AXH) spoke about using computers as test equipment and naming of computer

programs that are useful. Ian (IDL) and David (UR) gave presentations on APRS. The evening was very informative and has resulted in two more members joining the APRS fraternity.

Next meeting is to be a fox hunting night around the area (by foot) so bring your receiver, you DF aerial, torch etc. All members are welcome.

JUNE MEETING

As a result of a meeting attended by Secretary John and President Gordon called by the Ballarat City Council where the re-development of the air port was discussed, the business for the June meeting is to be a Club forum on where the Club may be in five years.

At the present time a team of consultants is working on a plan/strategy of the airport re development. There is a major idea to build a major motor complex including a Formula 1 racing circuit, driving training area, and other projects.

Part of the meeting referred to other organization using the air port, and where these organizations will be in five years. We were to consider what our requirements would be in the way of space, type of Club rooms, etc.

Now is the time to have a "brain storm" on what we want or like to have. We should not consider the costs but where amateur radio and our club would like to be.

NEW MEMBERS

Although they are not new members, we welcome back to the Club, Ernie Turner (VK3DET) and Bruce Kendall (VK3WL).

Maryborough 150th Anniversary.

An e-mail from the WIA to clubs has drawn to our attention, the Maryborough 150th Anniversary and a "special event amateur radio station" VI3JA will be on the air from 8 July to 8 September 2004.

Look for it mainly on 80m DX window 3789MHz, 20m SSB, RTTY and CW 144.125MHz SSB or CW. QSL to VK3JA or via the bureau.

The Maryborough 150 Celebrations Committee is welcoming visitors and past residents to join them to the reunions exhibitions etc.

Minutes of the Club Meeting May 2004

Minutes of General Meeting May 28 2004.

Meeting opened by President Gordon @ 1945 hrs. Welcome to Ernie vk3det. Stephen vk3mna.

Apologies Charlie vk3dcs. Stewart vk3ash. Bob vk3bnc. Kathy vk3hrz.

Minutes as read. Moved vk3aig/ur Carried.

Correspondence. Out. Letters to Ray Slingo. Keith Strickland. Tom George.

In Ballarat City Council. Lee Roberts. Tom George. Newsletter
Three members to attend City Council called meeting re aerodrome future

Financial. Report and details presented. Moved vk3fgc/axh. Carried.

Reports General. Technical Ian vk3axh. Antenna replaced vk3rwa. Problems still exist with signal quality. Lee Roberts suggested maybe the loose cable around the safety ladder. Checks to be carried out on windy days. Several members reported poor conditions from various locations. Members requested to log and report quality.

Ian vk3axh recommended that 2m tx/rx from Ray Slingo be installed at Stephens vk3heg to be used for the I.R.L.P. link.

Nets Club. Craig vk3cmc reported good numbers on B.A.R.G. net

W.D. Ian vk3cis reported usual numbers on the Monday night.

Education Charlie vk3dcs reports two likely candidates for coming exams.

Publicity Doug vk3vba Nil. Gordon vk3fgc Keep the items coming for the newsletter.

W.I.C.E.N. Mallee Rally coming up in two weeks time.

Construction Night will be held Monday 7 June Computer, Software. Night.

General Business. Gordon vk3fgc, Submission to City Council for a \$1500.00 grant to sponsor the Eureka celebrations. Club members to be involved in the Special Events Station over the week period. Special Q.S.L. card to be struck to mark the occasion.

Ian vk3axh to follow up progress with W.I.A. re the progress of Special Call Sign

Phil Garvie Technical Manager City of Ballarat visited Club Room and pleased with upkeep and layout.

Gordon vk3fgc outlined the planned extension to house a proposed Club trailer. Will require working bees to achieve the result.

Moved vk3ur/idl that the Club purchase a second hand roller door for \$50.00 to be used in the above extensions Carried.

George Fowler Auction Day. Start 12 noon with lunch. Arrangements made with members re food. Auction to commence 1300 hrs.

Ernie vk3det. Requested clarification of rules regarding number of meetings a new or returning member could attend. Gordon vk3fgc outlined the procedure that two meetings would be the maximum permitted before the full membership fee would be payable.

Meeting closed 2030 hrs and Gordon vk3fgc welcomed Doc from local S.E.S. who gave a very interesting talk on his recent experiences when seconded to the Northern Territory for a six months stint. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

Club Membership Register

Attached to this months news letter is the long awaited register of Club members with their e-mail, phone numbers etc. The information only has that which members have given permission to circulate.

CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS

VK3RBA	(Voice)	146.750	Mt Buninyong
VK3RWA	(Voice)	147.100	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(Packet)	144.750	Mt Warrenheip
VK3RBU	(Voice)	438.475	

BEACON

VK3RMB	438.475	Mt Buninyong
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CLUB e-mail vk3bml@barg.org.au.

CLUB NET VK3BML 3.610+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

NEWS ITEMS Send to Gordon VK3FGC (e-mail the club) mail to Box 1261 Mail Centre
BALLARAT 3354

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Annual Subscription & Club Register Check

Date: _____

Receipt No _____

Name: _____ **Y/N**

Call Sign _____ **Y/N**

Address: _____ **Y/N**

Phone Home _____ **Y/N**

Town: _____ **Y/N**

Phone Work _____ **Y/N**

Post Code _____ **Y/N**

e-mail _____ **Y/N**

Subscription Paid \$ _____

MOB _____ **Y/N**

If the Club decides to publish a Club Directory, are you willing to have the above information included?
Yes/No.

If there is any information you want excluded; please circle Yes/No (Y/N) on each entry above.

Signature _____



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for the election of Officers

Date: _____

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